संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम.एम.जैकब) : (क) और (ख) जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार 1989, 1990 और 1991 (अक्तूबर तक) में क्रमशः 2 (दो), 169 तथा 256 व्यक्तियों का अपहरण किया गया ।

4 बंधक रखे गए व्यक्तियों के बदले में अभी तक 16 व्यक्तियों को रिहा किया गया है ।

बंधक रखे गए व्यक्तियों को रिहा करने के लिए प्रयास जारी है ।

आकाशवाणी लेह के केन्द्र निदेशक का अपहरण

1216. **डा. रत्नाकर पांडेय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जम्मू और कश्मीर में आकाशवाणी के लेह केन्द्र के केन्द्र निदेशक का हाल ही में आतंकवादियों द्वारा अपहरण कर लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एम. जैकब) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी, लेह के स्टेशन निदेशक का अपहरण एक आतंकवादी गिरोह द्वारा डल गेट क्षेत्र, श्रीनगर से 3-11-91 को किया गया। बताया गया कि वे 13-11-91 को कैद से बच निकले ।

Torture by Army Personnel

1217. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the army is empowered to arrest citizens for their alleged or proved activities of militancy and touture them

(b) whether it is a fact that in Assam the arrested persons have been tourtured inhumanly resulting in a few death and injuring hundreds of people ;

(c) whether it is a fact that army personnel raped girls and women and murdered two girls; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against those army personnel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The Army operates in aid of civil authority under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, this Act empowers the army to arrest any person who has committed a cognizable offence or against whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed or is about to commit a cognizable offence.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) There has been one case of alleged rape and death of a girl. A Magisterial enquiry has been ordered.

Misuse of Railway Passes

1218. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the cases concerning the pensions to freedom fighters are likely to be disposed of;

(b) whether it is a fact that the railway passes issued to freedom fighters are being misused and whether it is also a fact that businessmen, lawyers and certain unsocial elements travel with the freedom fighters as companion in Ist and A.C. coaches;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to cancel such railway passes after the expiry of an year according to the original scheme; and

(d) whether Government propose to cancel the permanent passes inview of the internal and external debt burden, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE ON THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) All the applications received by the prescribed date of receipt of applications, i.e. 31-3--1982 have been